Purchasing of Tobacco by STC

*18. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Trading Corporation is very slow in purchasing tobacco from Andhra Pradesh to assist growers; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to ensure that STC purchases tobacco at all the auction platforms?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Telecasting of Telugu feature films

*19. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the DD–8 of Hyderabad Doordarshan Kendra has stopped telecasting Telegu feature films;

(b) whether there are any representations from Telecasters for restoration of Telegu feature films; and

(c) if so, will Government consider their request and restore the pervious practice of telecasting Telegu feature films?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes, Sir. Telecast of Telugu films on Regional Language Satellite Service (DD-8) had been stopped on 1st April, 2000 due to paucity of funds.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Prasar Bharati has intimated that arrangements have been made to resume telecast of Telugu feature films from DD-8 channel of Doordarshan Kendra, Hyderabad with effect from 1st of August, 2000